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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will be posting a notice in the newspaper tomorrow terminating Martin Luther King/Drew Medical Center from participating in the Medicare program, effective January 19. If this comes to pass, the resulting loss of over \$200 million in funding will have a devastating impact on the Department of Health Services' fiscal stability and significant implications for the entire DHS health care system.

Given this potential impact, should CMS fully execute termination of the hospital's Medicare participation, this Board will be faced with significant questions about the future viability of the County network of hospitals. Obviously the action by CMS is the subject of great concern to both the community and the hospital's employees, as is the specter of losing access to the critical health care services provided by King Hospital.

While I expect that the staff at the hospital will be able to overcome the latest challenges and have the CMS termination notice withdrawn, we must be prepared in the event they are not successful. However, should the hospital not be able to surmount this latest obstacle, it is critical that the County have a plan in place to make sure the health care needs of the South Los Angeles community continue to be met.

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**I, THEREFORE , MOVE THAT** the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of Health Services to report back by January 10, on the implications to the County health system, should King/Drew Medical Center be unsuccessful in making sufficient improvements to have the Immediate Jeopardy termination removed by CMS and the Department's initial recommendations to address this potential loss of revenue.

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